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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Mattar Neto et al. Examiner: Joseph F. Weiss, Jr.
Filed: April 20, 2001 Group Art Unit: 3761
Serial No.: 09/838,863 Att'y Ref. No.: 70317.1200
Title: Secretion Suctioning Device and Kit for Intubated Patients

AMENDMENT

To: Mail Box Stop RCE
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2003 for the above-referenced patent application.

First, Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for reply to the September 24, 2003 Office Action for two months from December 24, 2003 to February 24, 2004. Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$210 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Hughes Hubbard & Reed Deposit Account No. 08-3264.

Second, Applicants submit herewith a new Declaration for the application.

Third, please amend the application as follows:

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Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims being on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including a substitute specification and a marked-up copy of the specification is attached following page 15 of this paper.